FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT INTENSIVE SUPERVISION TREATMENT COURT aka DRUG COURT ADMISSION CRITERIA

Admission to Drug Court is made on a case by case basis. Clients must have an identifiable substance abuse problem and be able to at least acknowledge his/her substance abuse has contributed to his/her criminal conduct and he/she needs help.

(Dis)qualifying Criteria

- *No sex offenders-past or current charges
- *No Class A Felonies
- *No history of homicide/manslaughter
- *No parole-only cases (parole cases are eligible if dual supervision w/ probation)
- *Out of county charges can only be taken into Drug Court if accompanied by in county charges and Polk County residency.
- *No Gang Affiliation or Gang Participation charges
- *No drug dealers who deal as a business rather than simply a means to support his/her own habit
- *No defendant engaged in active informant work with any police or investigative agency
- *Must be in true jeopardy of going to prison or some other restrictive program such as Ft. Des Moines or WRF
- *Must have an identifiably drug problem
- *Must be willing to admit offense(s) with which he/she has been charged
- *Must be willing to accept the requirements of Drug Court
- *History of violence or weapons evaluated on a case by case basis
- *Mental Health issues evaluated on a case by case basis